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**Turkey's Foreign Minister to visit U.S. to discuss bases**  
ANKARA, Jan. 30 (AFP). — Turkish Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil will pay an official visit to Washington from Feb. 11 to 13 for talks with United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the Foreign Ministry announced today.  
Technical talks on the future of American bases in Turkey have been going on here for several weeks and it is hoped in Ankara that they will be completed in time for Caglayangil's visit to Washington.

**Kissinger: no easing restrictions for USSR**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (R). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said today that because Moscow's role in Angola, the Ford administration would not seek to ease restrictions by the West on trade with the Soviet Union in the future.  
In view of the situation in Angola, this is appropriate time to go before the Congress as cutting it," he said in an appearance before the Finance Committee.  
He said negotiations would continue on long-term oil and grain deal with Moscow.

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Jan. 30, (AFP). — Italy's Socialist government designed to be crucial to the country's oil programme set a \$ 7 a barrel price for oil imports from member countries of the International Energy Agency neutrality.  
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**Long security Vienna arms action talks**  
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TURIN, Northern Italy, Jan. 30 (AFP). — Three bandits surrendered today after holding two hostages for 20 hours following a jewelry shop robbery near here during which the owner was killed.  
Police alerted by a shop alarm arrived just as the holdup men were leaving the store in the town of Ivrea.  
During an exchange of shots, the owner, 56, was hit as he attempted to flee.

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**Faint hope of solution for Italian crisis**  
ROME, Jan. 30, (AFP). — A glimmer of hope appeared today for a solution to the three-week Italian government crisis, triggered by the Socialist Party's decision to stop supporting the parliamentary majority of the government headed by Christian Democrat Aldo Moro.  
Mr. Moro, who has been designated to form a new government, and Socialist Party Secretary Francesco De Martino, Friday morning decided to meet as soon as Mr. Moro has finalised the plan for emergency economic measures that will have to be given priority by the new government.  
The meeting will probably not be before next week, but economic experts said the two

**Lebanon's leaders confer on political settlement**  
BEIRUT, Jan. 30 (R). — A series of crucial meetings held separately by Lebanon's leaders began Friday and could decide the fate of the eight-day-old ceasefire.  
Moslem leaders, who are seeking wide-ranging reforms to give Lebanese Moslems parity with Christians, met at the mountain residence of the Grand Mufti Sheikh Hassan Khalid, spiritual leader of the Sunni Moslems.  
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## Virtual truce in Sahara

RABAT, Jan. 30 (Agencies). — Moroccan officials said today there appeared to be a virtual truce in the Western Sahara today following fierce clashes between regular Moroccan and Algerian troops during the week.  
The officials said the emphasis was now on diplomatic moves to end the crisis, with Arab mediators visiting Morocco's King Hassan during the day.  
The Moroccan officials said the fighting around the oasis of Amgala ended with the capture of 101 Algerian troops and their equipment and the withdrawal of Algerians units from the territory.  
So far there has been no indication here of any progress in diplomatic attempts to end the crisis, in which Algeria is backing the Polisario movement, which in turn opposes the handing over of the phosphate-rich territory by Spain to Morocco and Mauritania.  
Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, on a mediating mission for President Anwar Sadat met King Hassan before leaving for Nouakchott today to see Mauritania's President Mukhtar Ould Daddah.  
He is also due to see Algeria's President Houari Boumedienne.  
King Hassan also received envoys from Iraq and Syria, and

Thursday he sent a special emissary to U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger, to inform him of his anxiety over the situation.  
Meanwhile it was reported in Algeria that Algeria and its close ally, Libya, had held top-level contacts following this week's desert battle in the Sahara.  
The contacts — involving a visit to Algiers by Libyan Premier Abdel-Salam Jalloud — came as Algeria considered its next move in its dispute with Morocco over the Western Sahara.  
A month ago Algeria and Libya issued a joint-communique saying: "Any attack against one of our two revolutions will be considered by the other as a direct attack against itself."  
Meanwhile, in Washington United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger discussed the Western Sahara and American military and economic aid to Morocco when he conferred with a special envoy of Morocco's King Hassan on Thursday, a state department spokesman revealed today.

Military aid to Morocco was due to rise from \$ 14 million last year to \$ 30 million in 1976 under the terms of a bill still awaiting Congressional approval.  
State Department Spokesman John Trantner said it was "natural" that the two countries should re-examine the aid programme at a moment when Moroccan and Algerian troops were reported to have clashed in the Sahara.  
King Hassan's emissary, former Premier Karim Lamrani, had a "wide-ranging" discussion with Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Trantner said. He refused to say whether the U.S. supported Morocco in its dispute with

Algeria over the territory's future.  
Mr. Lamrani stressed, however, that Morocco was not prepared to make concessions where its national integrity and prestige were concerned.  
In Rabat, the Maghreb-Arab Press news agency said Mr. Lamrani had told Mr. Kissinger "of Morocco's determination to make every effort to safeguard peace in the region and to defend by all means its sovereignty and the integrity of its territory."  
Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Thani President of the United Arab Emirates, telephoned King Hassan of Morocco and Algeria's President Houari Boumedienne Thursday night in a bid to damp down mounting tension over the Sahara dispute.  
He urged the two leaders to maintain a "brotherly, Arab and Islamic spirit and avoid bloodshed," according to a statement today.  
Clashes between Algerian and Moroccan forces over the past three days served no purpose other than that of the enemies of the Arab nation, a government statement said.

## Rabin assured of no U.S. pressure, but aid cuts stay

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who is visiting Washington was assured Friday of unwavering U.S. backing, but without any success in restoring proposed cutbacks in American military aid.  
In his three days of talks with President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Mr. Rabin was provided with ample evidence that the United States was determined not to pressure Israel into making any major concessions to the Arabs.  
Observers said this was probably the main result of Mr. Rabin's Washington visit, part of an eight-day stay in the United States, during which he is also meeting American Jewish leaders whose support is vital to Israel.  
But no concrete sign of any major new peace initiative in the Middle East emerged from his discussions with Mr. Ford.  
The United States, while repeating its determination to pursue its goal of a lasting Middle East Peace, has yet to spell out what its next moves will be.  
Diplomatic sources said Mr. Rabin and President Ford had reached a general agreement stressing that the Geneva Middle East peace conference should be reconvened, but without direct participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).  
Mr. Rabin was also pleased with U.S. determination, as reflected by its recent veto during the U.N. Middle East debate in the Security Council, to resist Palestinian diplomatic manoeuvring as long as the PLO does not accept Israel's existence.  
Mr. Rabin spent several hours

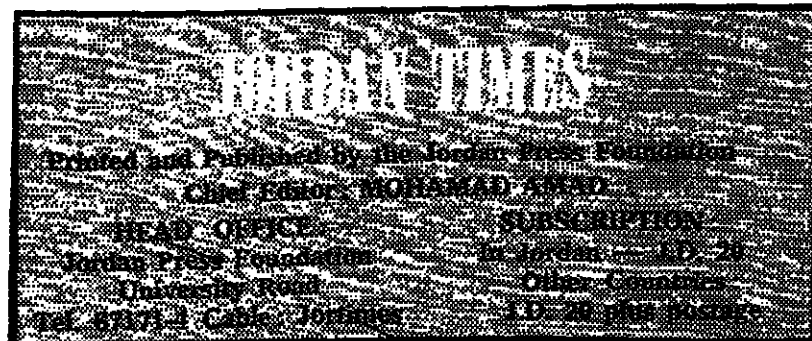
in Washington Friday meeting leaders of American Jewish organisations before flying to New York for a three-day stay. Saturday, he will meet Mayor Abraham Beame and attend a reception given by Governor Hugh Carey.  
He will also visit Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles before leaving for Israel on Monday.  
A clearer picture of U.S. plans is likely when President Ford decides finally about a trip he is considering making to the Middle East before summer. Whether he makes the trip depends on how his campaign for the November presidential election fares.  
The issue of U.S. aid is one issue on which Mr. Rabin was liable to make headway.  
In his budget for the financial year starting on October 1, President Ford has proposed \$1,000 million arms aid to Israel. This is separate from economic assistance not yet set but expected to be close to \$800 million.  
The military aid target for 1977 is \$500 million less than that sought for the current financial year, during which Israel will also get about \$800 million in economic assistance.

**EEC to reassess currency position as dollar falls**  
BONN, Jan. 30 (R). — A West German Finance Ministry spokesman today denied rumours on the Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Market that a special meeting at Common Market Finance Ministers was being planned to discuss realignment of currencies within the joint European float.  
Frankfurt dealers said speculation about such a meeting caused nervous and hectic trading, in which the dollar fell sharply against the West German mark.  
The dollar closed at 2.5885 marks after falling at one point to 2.5855. These rates compared with 2.6014 marks yesterday.  
Float currencies are those of West Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They maintain a fixed level against each other but float together as a block against other currencies.



JEWELRY JOB. — Italian police surround a jewel stop in North Italy. The hold up men are inside with two hostages.





## Can Ford do it?

The news coming out of Washington on Rabin's meeting with Ford can only be received with misgivings in the Arab world.

The White House spokesman is mouthing such phrases as: it is up to Israel and its neighbours to decide on the "format" for further progress towards peace. If this is meant to pacify Jewish voters in the States and designed to keep from offending the sensitivities of the Israeli public; so be it as long as the Ford administration is meanwhile intent on a serious and realistic approach to peace despite the phraseology.

American policy makers are no doubt aware that the Israeli political situation is particularly resistant to new ideas on how to deal with the Palestinians. They know that the Israeli electoral system of proportional representation gives extremist political groups a power of life or death over coalition governments, such as Rabin's. Consequently, the Americans cannot expect any new and far-sighted initiative out of Israel.

Rabin, who has given President Ford the "impression" that Israel is ready to cooperate with new steps towards peace in the Middle East, will need a strong argument to convince dissenters within his own cabinet that the required "format" cannot be one that excludes the Palestinians. The United States can provide Rabin with such an argument. If the Israelis are convinced that any future economic and military aid is indeed contingent on progress towards peace, then many things are possible.

Whether President Ford has made this sufficiently clear so that the Israelis do not resort to their old tricks and delaying tactics will be a test of the strength and far-sightedness of the Ford administration. It will also be test of the seriousness with which they view America's interests in the Middle East and a gauge of the calibre of Ford and Kissinger's statesmanship.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al-Rai expressed Saturday its disapproval and dismay on the current fighting in Al-Maghreb and called for an immediate end to the hostilities between the two neighbouring nations of Morocco and Algeria.

The paper said that the Arabs have had enough disunity and division in Lebanon and hoped that sanity will prevail in the current conflict.

"The fighting," the paper said, "brought along with it more pessimism for the Arab masses who hope that the Maghreb will be unified so as to play its natural role in the Arab sphere."

"The conflict between Morocco and Mauritania on one side and Algeria on the other is concerned with the Sahara. Morocco claims the Sahara as an integral part of the Moroccan homeland as agreed upon with Spain two months ago. Algeria is calling for self-determination for the 50,000 inhabitants living there, the paper said.

"No matter who is right" the paper continued, "the Arab league is not at all ready to add one more nation to its twenty or more countries which would reflect more fragmentation in the Arab nation."

The paper hoped that sanity and wisdom would prevail among the leaders of Morocco, Mauritania and Algeria so that brotherhood may prevail.

Ad Dustour agreed Friday with the Israeli Premier that the area is heading towards war but differed with him on the conditions which might lead to such a war.

It said that "the blind support by the U.S. towards Israel and the U.S. 'mediation' efforts for peace are conflicting things."

The second factor which the paper expressed that might lead to war was the stubbornness and short vision of the Israeli leadership in realising the serious peaceful intentions of the Arabs in the area.

"The statement by the American defence secretary of his annoyance in supplying Israel with arms would no doubt grow day by day in the American political arena since the supply of such arms would enhance the defence capabilities of the U.S. and its NATO allies, the paper said.

"No matter what the case is," the paper concluded, "the Arabs should expect even worse things from the U.S. after its bypassing the rare chance of real peace in the area by vetoing the U.N. resolution."

The Egyptian press Friday linked the outbreak of fighting between Algeria and Morocco to the factional troubles in Lebanon and accused unnamed foreign conspirators of fomenting both conflicts.

The authoritative newspaper Al-Ahram noted in its editorial that fighting had broken out between Morocco and Algeria as soon as signs of calm began to appear in Lebanon.

Al-Ahram said that "several international forces... were behind recurring instances of fighting and friction on Arab soil with a view to creating disunity in the Arab nation which has emerged as the sixth world power after the Middle East war of October 1973.

Al-Ahbar in its editorial said that "foreign hands can be identified stretching across the borders of Arab countries to plant intrigue and arouse division."



SAUDI GUEST. — Sheikh Mohammad Abakheir speaks to a JNA reporter. He is flanked by Mr. Salem Mas'adah (to his right), the Saudi Ambassador in Amman, and Mr. Sadeq Shar.

## 4 weekly flights between Amman, Baghdad

AMMAN, (JT). — Four weekly plane flights will take place between Amman and Baghdad, the Director General of Civil Aviation Sharif Ghazi Rakan has announced.

The flights will consist of two weekly flights for the Royal Jordanian Airlines (Alia) and two for Iraqi Air starting next April.

The decision was reached at the end of talks between Sharif Rakan and Iraqi officials in Baghdad.

He added that technical co-operation between the two civil aviation departments will also take place especially in the training field.

## Turkish police engage armed band near Syrian border

ISTANBUL, Jan. 28, (AFP). — Turkish forces killed five armed men in a skirmish today near Idil, close to the Syrian border in the southeastern provinces said here.

No details were given concerning the dead, except that they were members of an armed band pursued by gendarmes near the border. Trapped in a cavern, they exchanged fire with the gendarmes, one of whom was wounded. Thirteen members of the band were captured alive.

## Arab education union called for

AMMAN, (JNA). — The first Arab educators conference recommended the establishment of a union for Arab educators upon a proposal by the Education College at the University of Jordan.

The conference of Arab educators took place in Baghdad between the 26th-29th of this month and the second conference will meet on Amman next Autumn.

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— General Manager

## Arab conference recommends development of Tourist industry

AMMAN. — The Executive Committee of the Arab Touristic Union has recommended the use of an Arab unified identity card, and cancellation of visas for the Arab countries nationals, the Secretary-General of the Arab Touristic Union, Mr. Abdur Rahman Abu Rabah declared Thursday.

A plan to this effect will be prepared by the Union and introduced to the forthcoming third Arab Ministers of Tourism Conference for putting these recommendations into effect, Mr. Abu Rabah added.

The Secretary-General said that in its 33rd session at Manama, Bahrain January 24-28 under his chairmanship, the Executive Committee discussed development and advancement of the Arab Touristic industry.

"The Committee," he said, "has agreed to Morocco's suggestion that it harbour the head office of the Regional Arab Institute for tourism and Hotel-keeping."

Among other topics discussed was the transformation of

## Municipal minister leaves for Syria

AMMAN, (JT). — The Minister of Interior for Municipal Affairs Dr. Muhammad Zebein will leave for Damascus today.

Dr. Zebein will hold talks with his Syrian counterpart Mr. Adeel Muhem regarding the strengthening of cooperation between both countries especially the field of municipal affairs.

He added that such unification will have a great impact on the upcoming Arab generation and its battle for progress and development.

The Syrian Minister also expressed gratitude for His Majesty King Hussein and the prime minister for their guidelines and directives regarding the joint educational meetings.

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## Diplomatic delegation returns from Damascus

AMMAN, (JNA). — The Jordanian delegation to the meetings of the permanent committee for the complete diplomatic integration between Jordan and Syria, returned from Damascus on Friday at the end of a three-day visit.

Mr. Hassan Ibrahim, head of the delegation, declared that the talks in Syria centered planning for the steps to be taken in order to implement the recommendations of the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Com-

mittee concerning the coordination between two countries. As to diplomatic relations in countries where one mission for either two countries exists, he said, that twenty-two Jordanian diplomatic missions will be replaced by Syrian interests.

The Syrian ambassador Jordan, Mr. Abdul Karim, returned with the Jordanian delegation.

The Jordanian delegation met at Ramtha border representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the border officer, and a Jordanian officials.

## Chilean economic delegation arrives next month

AMMAN, (JNA). — A high level Chilean economic and financial delegation will arrive here on the 12th of next month.

The delegation will include the ministers of finance and economy and other high ranking officials from both private and public Chilean sectors.

The delegation will meet with the prime minister and discuss with Jordanian officials means of strengthening economic cooperation between the two countries.

The visit of the delegation comes in the course of a visit to several Arab countries so as to strengthen economic relations between Chile and those countries.

## Syrian education delegation ends visit to Jordan

RAMTHA, (JNA). — The Syrian educational delegation to Amman left for Damascus yesterday after concluding its six day visit during which it held talks with Jordanian officials regarding the unification of curricula between Jordan and Syria.

The Syrian Minister of Education said at Ramtha that his visit to Jordan has brought constructive results for the start of having unified text books in Jordan and Syria in all stages of education.

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## Upper House Speaker Tall returns with message from King Huss

AMMAN, (JNA). — Speaker of the Upper House Mr. Bahjat Talhouni Friday from a four day visit to Bahrain.

Mr. Talhouni told that he carries a reply from the Emir of Bahrain Khalifah Ibn Sal Khalifah to his Majesty Hussein.

He added that he with the Prime Minister and of ranking Bahraini officials regarding the current situation.

Mr. Talhouni was received at the airport by the Minister of Interior, and other high officials.



DELEGATES DEPART. — Visiting Syrian education well to Jordanian counterparts.

## Sunday Services

"The Amman International Church welcomes all persons to their services every Sunday at 5 p.m.

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# Delegation Damasque of Chou En-lai's successor minates Chinese celebrations

ING, Jan. 30 (AFP). — successor as Premier, the Chinese source said, with typical eastern modesty: "None of the Deputy Premiers (there are 12 of them) genuinely wants to replace Mr. Chou En-Lai in this post. But one of them must accept, if only for practical reasons..."

The same source said that the Standing Committee of the People's National Assembly would probably meet early February—certainly before the beginning of March—to ratify the Central Committee's nomination.

Mr Chou's successor as First Party Vice-Chairman after Chairman Mao Tse Tung is likely to be decided simultaneously, observers here said, but it seems unlikely that Mr Teng, who is already Third Vice-Chairman, will be promoted in the party hierarchy.

It also seems unlikely that Mr Wang Hong-Wen, a youthful leader in his forties and second in the party ranks with the death of Mr Chou, will, by promotion or by not replacing Mr Chou, be maintained in that position.

Certain names are now being put forward in Peking's diplomatic circles for the post of party first vice-chairman but Italian police seek grenade throwing gangster

ROME, Jan. 30 (AFP). — A wide-ranging manhunt was underway today for gangsters who threw hand grenades in the streets of Rome in an unprecedented dawn battle with police.

One wounded gangster was captured after being deserted by the rest of the gang, who made their getaway.

The violence started when the gangsters tried to break into a Post Office van in Rome's Terminal Railway Station in an attempt to steal some 2,000 million lire (about \$3 million) in cash.

When plainclothes police moved to stop them, the gangsters fired sub-machine guns at them and threw hand grenades.

The police chase continued from the station to the Saint John of Lateran District in the southeast of the city, with hand grenades periodically exploding in the streets.

After the gangsters vanished, police sealed off the Coliseum area in an effort to track them down.

As to diplomatic mission in country, one mission for two countries, he said, that Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's various posts? sound of the traditional crackers exploding in the and on the highways, the Syrian and Jordanian delegations, Mr. Al-Bagh, returned to Jordanian delegation.

The Jordanian delegation met at Ramtha by many months. Representative of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Al-Bagh, returned to Jordanian delegation.

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He added that in turn ratified by the with the Prime Minister of the People's National Assembly.

Ranking Bahraini source said here that top-level "dis-ation" were "in progress" the Central Committee.

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for the moment these remain conjecture.

The only certain thing is that the announcement of the nominations, which have perhaps already been decided, will take place shortly, in all likelihood after the four-day celebrations of the Chinese new year—the spring festival—which begins for the whole people tomorrow.

Tokyo newspaper reports that the late Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai left a political testament could not be confirmed here.

To questioning twice today, one in the morning and again in the afternoon, an information department spokesman at the Foreign Ministry said he would "take the question down."

Observers and many diplomats here greeted the Japanese report with scepticism.

## Olympic flame starts its journey

ATHENS, Jan. 30 (R). — The Olympic Flame was Friday put on a plane bound for Vienna from where it will be taken to Innsbruck for the 1976 Olympic Winter Games, which open next Wednesday.

In a brief ceremony at Athens airport, a miner's lamp was lit to transport the flame by air and this was handed over by the President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, Mr. Apostolos Nicolaides, to Dr. Simon Koller, the Austrian ambassador to Greece.

An altar had been erected at the airport for the occasion.

The flame had earlier been transported by air from ancient Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games, where it was kindled.

The flame was lit in the olive groves of ancient Olympia at the sacred altar of the Greek goddess Hera in a ceremony carried out by Greek actress Maria Moscholiou in the role of high priestess.

With the aid of a concave mirror which magnified the rays of the sun the priestess lit an olive branch which was then used to light the torch.

After reciting prayers for the success of the Innsbruck games the torch was handed to a runner who set off for the nearby village of Platanos.

Six others runners took turns in carrying the torch to Platanos where the flame was handed over to a delegation of the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

A special lamp was lit to transport the flame by car to Andravida Airport and from there by plane to Athens.



DESERT DUTY. — American construction teams in the Gila Pass, Sinai, prepare the surveillance station to monitor Egyptian and Israeli activity.

## U.S. House blocks publication of report on CIA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (R). — President Ford has won a major victory with the House of Representatives giving him the final say on whether to release a Congressional report on U.S. intelligence activities.

The House Thursday night voted 246 to 124 for a resolution to bar its release until Mr. Ford certified the report contained no information that could affect adversely the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) foreign operations.

After the vote, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Otis Pike (Democrat, New York), who was angered by the action, told reporters: "As far as I'm concerned the report is dead and buried."

The CIA and the White House had said the report, which followed a one year investigation, was biased, against the Agency. They also argued that disclosure of secret information would jeopardise U.S. security.

During a sometimes heated debate, liberal and conservative Democrats joined Republicans to support the resolution introduced by Mr. John Young (Democrat, Texas).

Some of the report has already been leaked to the press and there was speculation that with publication officially barred, a copy would find its way from the Congressional vaults to a publisher and book shops.

"As far as I'm concerned the report is dead and buried. I have no desire whatsoever to participate in the writing of a report on the CIA in which the CIA would do the rewrite," the Committee chairman said.

The report is estimated to be longer than 340 pages and to contain details of CIA secret financial support for anti-Soviet factions fighting in Angola, U.S. arms shipments to Kurdish rebels in Iraq, and the

## Group of 77 wary of North-South dialogue

MANILA, Jan. 29, (AFP). — The 107 developing countries in the "Group of 77" are likely to concentrate their efforts on next May's Nairobi session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) rather than on the North-South dialogue.

This was the prevailing view among officials of the Group's member countries, meeting here to work out the third world's strategy for UNCTAD-IV.

The 88 members of the Group which are not taking part in the dialogue prefer to seek concessions from the industrial world in Nairobi rather than counting on the unpredictable outcome of the Paris conference in which only 19 Third World countries are taking part.

Many delegates consider that the Nairobi conference will provide an opportunity for the industrialised countries to show whether they have the political will needed to change the present relationship between rich and poor countries.

This stand reflects a certain distrust toward the 19 countries taking part in the North-South dialogue. In some quarters there are fears that they may adopt an excessively independent attitude in the negotiations or that they may even seek to reaffirm their leadership in the Third World.

Senior officials of the Group of 77 are also preparing a political declaration to be adopted by a conference at ministerial level next week. According to some delegates the tone of the

## Former Greek President Ghizikis faces trial

ATHENS, Jan. 30 (AFP). — The Athens Military Prosecutor has ordered a preliminary investigation of general Phedon Ghizikis, a former Greek president, as an accomplice in the April 1967 "colonels' coup," Athens newspapers reported today.

The newspapers said that an identical investigation has been ordered for 84 officers of all ranks, including ex-General Dimitri Zorogiannakos, who was Commander-in-Chief in 1974.

Gen. Ghizikis was president from November 1973 to December 1974. It was he who called the present Prime Minister, Constantine Karamanlis, from self-imposed exile in July 1974 and asked him to form a government, following the collapse of the military regime.

After his resignation in December 1974, Gen. Ghizikis went to live quietly in an Athens suburban villa, saying that only "history" could judge him.

## Turkish foreign minister to visit Baghdad for oil purchase

ANKARA, Jan. 30 (R). — Turkish Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil will visit Baghdad on February 4 and 5 to discuss oil purchases and Ankara's plan to build a big new dam on the Euphrates, a foreign ministry spokesman said today.

Iraq is one of Turkey's oil suppliers, along with Saudi Arabia and Libya, and an oil pipeline between the two Moslem neighbours is due for completion this year.

Baghdad fears that if Turkey builds the proposed dam on the Euphrates it will limit the amount of the river's waters available to Iraq after it has flown through Turkey and Syria on its way to the gulf, informed sources said.

There are always ways of balancing trade. One road which could be explored is the transfer of technology in different fields, including oil."

document is fairly tough.

This "Manila Declaration" will match the Lima and Algiers Declarations adopted by the developing countries respectively before the UNCTAD-II and UNCTAD-III conferences held in 1968 and 1972.

The declaration will be accompanied by an action programme now being drafted here.

Some problems still remain to be solved before it can be presented to the ministers, in particular the chapter dealing with trade.

The desire of many countries to demand an extension of industrial countries Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) for gold exported by the Third World has clashed with the desire of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries to preserve the advantages they have secured in this field from the Common Market.

In the action programme, which will list the demands of the Third World, the developing countries will review their traditional positions on monetary problems in the light of the agreement of international monetary reform concluded at Kingston, Jamaica at the beginning of January. But their positions will not be substantially changed.

## U.S. awards M.E. defence contracts to Grumman, Douglas

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Navy today awarded two contracts connected with U.S. combat planes sold to Iran and Kuwait.

Grumman Aerospace Corporation of Bethpage, New York, received a \$7.5 million contract for personnel services to support 80 F-14 fighters bought by Iran.

McDonnell Douglas Corporation's Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, California, was awarded a \$6 million contract to train Kuwaitis to maintain Skyhawk fighter-bombers. Kuwait has bought 36 Skyhawks.

## Mauritania to pay shareholders of iron ore company

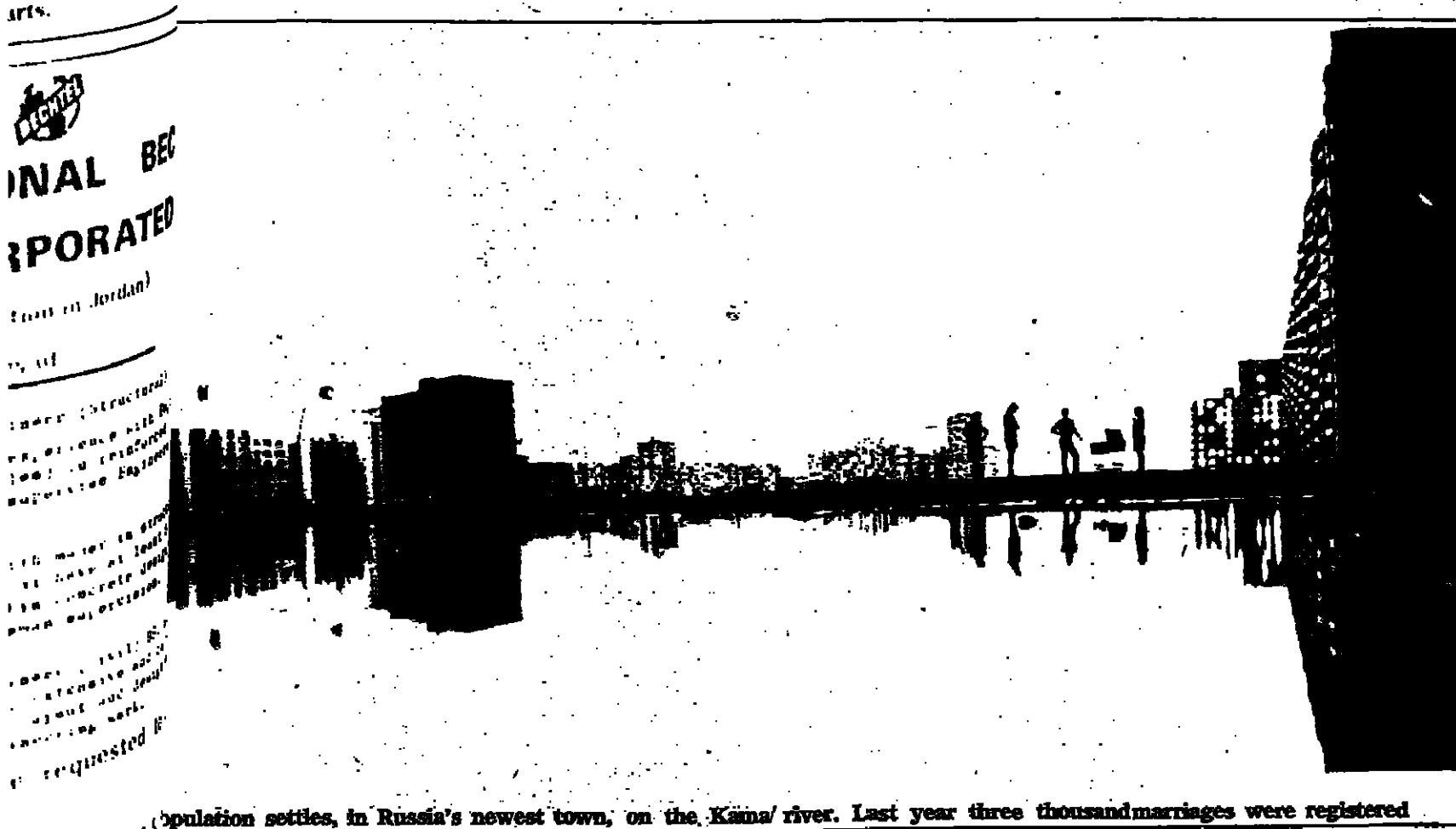
NOUACKHOTT, Jan. 29 (AFP) — Mauritania will pay out \$90 million to shareholders of the nationalised Miferma iron ore mining company under a final compensation agreement signed here Wednesday, according to informed sources.

Shareholders in Miferma, nationalised on Nov. 28, 1974, the 14th anniversary of Mauritania's independence from France, would get \$40 million cash within the next two months and the rest would be paid in five annual ten-million dollar instalments, the sources said.

The shareholders undertook to buy 3.5 million tons of Mauritanian iron ore for three consecutive years.

Observers said that clause would ensure annual revenues to the Societe Nationale Industrielle et Miniere (SNIM), which now runs Miferma, of \$50 million.

There was no intention to confiscate companies or to offend Mauritania's partners under the nationalisation policy, Mauritania's Minister of State for National Economy said.



Population settles, in Russia's newest town, on the Kama river. Last year three thousand marriages were registered



## Group of 77 envisages raw materials embargo on rich nations

MANILA, Jan. 30 (AFP). — The group of 77 senior officials' conference failed to end on schedule today as the membership of Malta and Rumania was held up while a raw material embargo against the rich nations was envisaged.

Three of the four working groups had to work until Saturday as a state of alert against a possible strike by the Japanese Red Army was maintained at the Philippine village hotel conference site.

Only one group, deliberating money and finance problems, was scheduled to wind up work Thursday night. An accompanying project was the setting up of an International Bank for Redemption of Debts (IBRD).

One of the conference highlights, is the integrated commodities programme possibly backed up by a common fund. This fund, to be capitalized at \$1000 million, would regulate stocks and stabilise the prices of a still unspecified list of commodities.

Money for the fund could come from the 800 million U.S. dollars Aid Fund recently approved by the OPEC nations for the developing nations in Paris.

The finished document, to be called the Manila Charter, will be submitted for approval to the 107-nation ministerial conference which gets underway here Feb. 2-6.

The membership applications of Rumania and Malta may have to be thrown into the laps of the group of 77 ministers. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) encountered no such difficulty. Its membership was approved two days ago.

Political and procedural matters stood in the way of Rumania and Malta, according to preparatory committee Chairman Ambassador Hortensio Brillantes of the Philippines.

One problem was where to locate both, which are neither members of the African, Asian and Latin American groups which originated and comprise the group of 77, so-called because 77 nations founded it in 1964.

Brillantes said objections to their membership could also be "political" but declined to elaborate beyond saying that the Asian Bloc, at its recent conference in Jakarta, approved the membership of Malta and Rumania.

Asked whether the senior officials took up the PLO's advocacy of Third World economic sanctions against "racist" regimes such as Israel, Brillantes lightheartedly said he had

not been apprised of this. The question of a possible third world raw material embargo vis-a-vis the developed nations came up when group of 77 Secretary General Manuel Collantes was asked at a briefing what pressures the group could exert.

He underscored the OPEC's success in 1974 in imposing an oil embargo and said the third world countries, with their raw material riches, could employ the same measure.

What was needed was to "speak with one voice" in the meeting scheduled May this year in Nairobi and "have the capacity to get organised" for such an embargo.

"Believe we are moving in that direction," he said.

The Manila charter however is not expected to embody the statement of Collantes, who is concurrently Philippine Foreign Affairs Under-secretary.

Mr. Collantes said: "the building of a new international economic order is the greatest challenge of our time."

## Bahrain increases its share in aluminium smelter

BAHRAIN, Jan. 30, (R). — The government of Bahrain has acquired the shares of two foreign partners in the Aluminium Bahrain (ALBA) smelter, increasing its stake to 77.9 per cent, ALBA's General Manager Ian Livingstone said here.

He said that the government had bought the 17 per cent interest held previously by Britain's Amalgamated Metal Corporation (AMC) and the 8.5 per cent interest held by the Panama-registered Western Metals Company.

He did not say how much the government paid for those shares.

The new purchases follow the acquisition by the government of the shares of two other foreign partners in 1974 and 1975 and were consistent with the government's policy of acquiring the shares of any foreign partner wishing to dispose of his stake in ALBA, he added.

The government is negotiating with two foreign partners—Kaiser Aluminium of the United States (17 per cent) and Breton Investments of West Germany (5.1 per cent).

Mr. Livingstone said, however that the government was retaining its commercial relations with AMC which has a contract to market the government's original 19 per cent share in ALBA's output. The



**SKELETON IN THE CLOSET.** — The bare ribs of the main stadium for the Summer, 1976 Olympics in Montreal, show how far from completion it is. Latest reports say it will not be ready on time.

## British motor exports hit record high

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AFP). — British motor-car exports soared by 40 per cent in value to a record \$5,200 million last year, the Association of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (AMMT) announced Thursday.

contract has three more years to run.

Alba, the Middle East's biggest Aluminium smelter which started production five years ago, has a share capital of eight million dinars (10 million sterling), but investment in the plant exceeds 10 times that amount, Mr. Livingstone said.

He said that the two companies may have wished to sell their shares in Alba because of current strains in the aluminium market.

But he said that Alba was confident that the outlook would improve substantially within a year or two and the government's purchase would prove to be a sound investment in the long term.

Alba, which so far only produces the metal, leaving each shareholder to market his own share was in the process of setting up a marketing department, Mr. Livingstone said.

## U.S. output of raw steel declines 20 per cent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AFP). — Output of raw steel fell by 20 per cent in the United States last year, American Iron and Steel Institute statistics showed Thursday.

Production totalled 117 mil-

lion tons in 1975, compared with 145.7 million tons the previous year, one of the best in the industry in this country.

Profits of Bethlehem Steel, the number two U.S. iron and steel company, saw its profits drop by about 30 per cent in 1975. They amounted to \$242 million, against \$342 million.

The number one firm, U.S. Steel, had already announced a fall in profits of 11 per cent \$559.6 million against \$630.3 million.

At the same time, its turnover decreased from \$9,186 million in 1974 to \$8,167 million in 1975.

The fall in U.S. Steel profits was particularly evident in the final quarter off the year: \$111.6 million, against \$168.6 million in the last three months of 1974.

Its business and profits dipped mainly in the second half of last year. U.S. Steel's deliveries totalled only 17.5 million tons in 1975, a drop of 31 per cent compared with 1974 (25.6 million tons).

— Private cars, 18.7 per cent.  
— Commercial vehicles, 16.5 per cent and,  
— Various items, 20.5 per cent.

Car imports into Britain were worth \$2,200 million last year. The breakdown was as follows:

— Private cars, \$1,028 million up 45 per cent compared with 1974,  
— Commercial vehicles, \$180 million compared with \$182 million, about 1 per cent down,  
— Spare parts, \$800 million 30 per cent up and,  
— Various items, \$192 million up 29 per cent.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed higher in moderate trading. Sentiment was helped by declining interest rates, Wall Street's sharp rise overnight and optimistic views on the economy expressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, dealers said.

Government bonds featured with gains of up to 7/8ths of a point with intermittent profit taking well absorbed. No replacement 'tap' was announced and dealers expect a one half point mark up in after hours dealings.

Equities followed bonds higher with ICI closing at an all time peak of 383 — a net gain of 11p on the day.

Metal Box, Hawker Siddeley, Tube Investments, Glaxo, Unilever, Guest Keen and Beecham rose between 5p and 10p. Burmah oil was the most active issue again and ended 9p up at 52. Stock shortage, however, accentuated the advance, dealers said. B.P. advanced 8p.

Pan Continental was a feature at 18 Stg (13-1/8) among firm Australians, still reflecting the upgrading of its uranium reserves. Dollar stocks eased slightly.

## Japan, USSR discuss building atomic reactors

MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (AFP). — Japanese industrialists have opened talks with Soviet officials in Moscow on furnishing 10 atomic reactors and other equipment for Soviet nuclear power stations.

The 14 members of the Japanese delegation are all specialists in heavy industry or nuclear engineering. The talks, with the Soviet state committee for use of atomic energy, began Wednesday, Japanese sources said.

The Soviet-Japanese talks are at present centred on technical questions and were expected to last the rest of the week, the sources said.

The Soviet Union would furnish plans for the 10 reactors.

The Japanese delegation is led by the Director of the Mitsubishi Company's Nuclear Department.

Mr. Morokhov made contact with the Japanese atomic energy industry council during a working visit to Japan in January last year. The Japanese delegation arrived here on Sunday.

## EEC Commission report mildly optimistic

BRUSSELS, Jan. 30, (AFP). — The European business recovery should be consolidated in some countries during the coming months, but inflation is still a hazard to be reckoned with, the Commission of the European Economic Community (EEC) said in its latest situation report.

Manpower and machinery

## Indonesia gets soft loan from Canada

JAKARTA, Jan. 28 (R). — Indonesia and Canada Wednesday signed an agreement for a \$25-million interest-free loan as part of a \$200-million mixed financing package offered by the Canadian government.

The agreement, will finance mutually-agreed development projects, a statement said.

Canadian sources said part of it would be used for communications, most probably for further purchases of Twin Otter aircraft.

The loan carries no interest and is repayable over 50 years, with a 10-year grace period.

The remaining 175 million dollar loan promised by the Canadian government during a visit of president Suharto to Ottawa last summer is still to be finalised, and will be at commercial or near-commercial rates, the sources said.

The soft loan is in addition to Canada's five-year aid programme to Indonesia, worth \$200 million in soft-term credits.

## No further import controls, Healy says

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AFP). — The British government may shortly announce some measures to preserve or even create jobs but will reject the demands of the Labour left wing for further import controls, Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey said Thursday.

Opening a debate on unemployment, he told the House of Commons that generalised import controls would be against Britain's own interests and might trigger a "trade war."

The Chancellor also rejected any idea of major steps to reflate the economy, stressing that the impact of such measures on unemployment would in any case not be felt until next year.

The solution to the problem of unemployment, which has now reached 6.1 per cent of the labour force, would in the longer term be a reactivation of industrial investment, the Minister said.

Mr. Healey recognised that unemployment was the dark spot in an economic picture which was otherwise encouraging, with inflation slowing down and clear signs of a recovery of industrial output during the last quarter of 1975.

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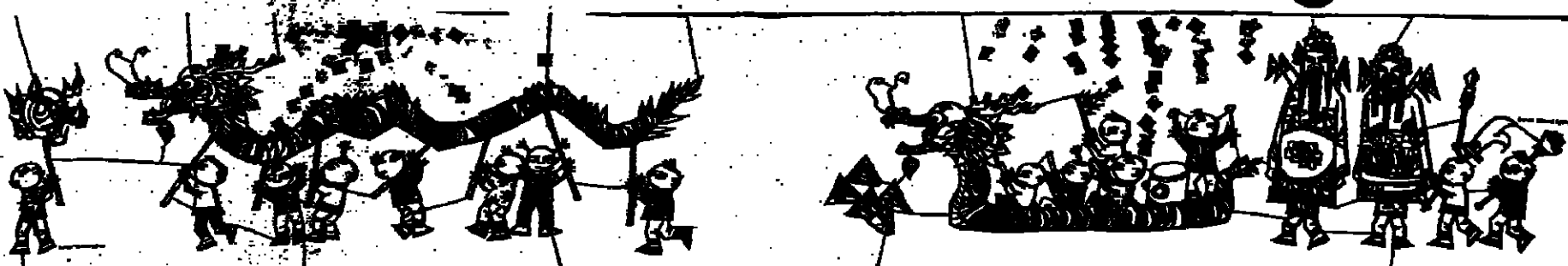
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**LASER TARGETER.** — A new lightweight laser designator is tested by an American soldier. The device, weighing less than six kilograms, is aimed like a rifle to pinpoint targets for laser-homing missiles, artillery shells and bombs. It was developed by the Hughes Aircraft Company of Los Angeles, California.

# The Year of the Dragon



Susan Greenfield

celebrated as a family reunion. Tet Festival in recent years has been marred by renewed Communist offensives, with last year's Tet heralding the fall of the Saigon and the re-unification of the country.

While the highways were still open however, truckloads of cut branches of spring blossoms were brought down to the city from the mountain resort town of Dalat, and the main street of Nguyen Hue was transformed into a vast colourful flower market.

As in China, gifts of new paper money are given to children in red envelopes, the lucky colour, new clothes are worn, all debts are paid to start the New Year with a clean slate.

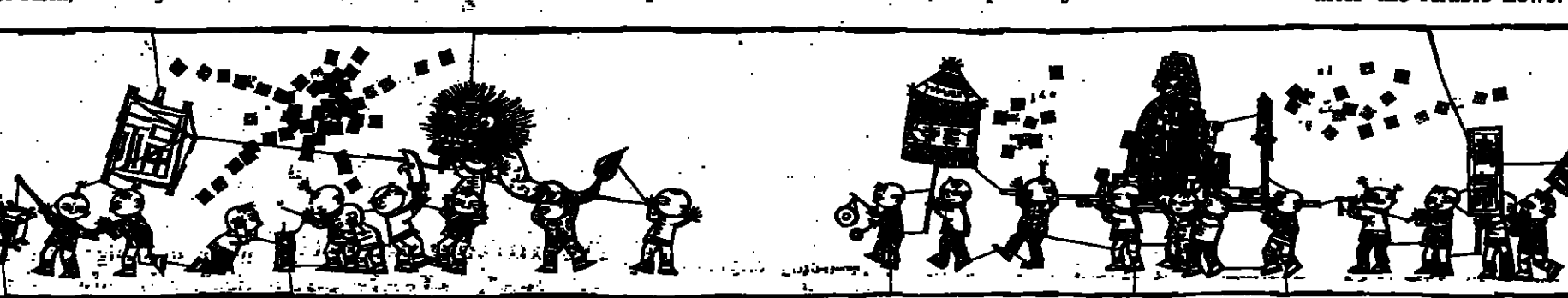
This year the government has decreed that all movie theatres be open on New Year's Day, with free admission, and hopefully, the old traditions will be allowed to continue also.

In China, the government is aware of the need to maintain traditions as a unifying influence in a nation leaping ahead so rapidly in industrial progress. The heritage of the ancient Chinese civilization is preserved in Taiwan not only in its museums housing fabulous treasures of old China, but also in the observance of centuries-old festivals such as Lunar New Year.

A film on Taiwan will be shown on JTV Saturday 31st after the Arabic news.



DRAGON DANCE performed in the centre of Taipei City.



## Crossword Puzzle

### Canada

#### floor price

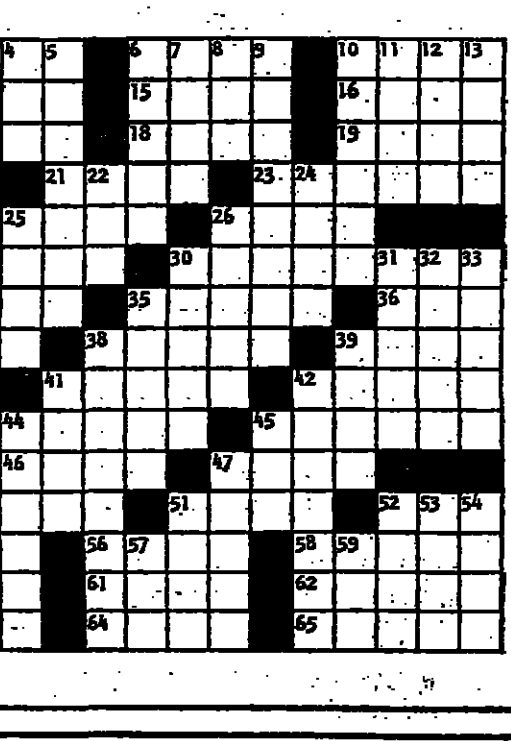
PARIS, Jan. 31: Industrial oil prices resolved Canada over an agency floor price for the governing IS-Nation Inter-Agency (IEA) pact, including But Canada could not submit at the pact member volume to the explosion of each energy resource.

### Horoscope

Without the sources said the New Moon brings an important friend into your life. You can divert your resources toward an altruistic objective. Take action to improve business income.

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  - 51 Miss Williams
  - 52 Pedestal part
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  - 7 Short poem

## Happiness is a layer of subcutaneous fat

Shakespeare—or, at least, Julius Caesar—was in favour of fat men: "Let me have men about me that are fat; sleek-headed men and such as sleep o' nights."

A recent survey carried out in London appears to bear him out. Fat men are, apparently, what people have long believed—more cheerful and contented. The survey was carried out by two researchers at the department of psychiatry at St. George's Hospital Medical School. Of course, the results of the survey, on people from southwest London, are not presented quite like that. In the researchers' words: "A significant positive relation was found between substantial obesity and low levels of anxiety (in men and women) and depression (in men)."

The men and women, all middle-aged, were weighed and measured. They then filled in a questionnaire designed to show such things as anxiety, depression and hysterical tendencies. Obese people were defined as men who were 20 per cent and women 40 per cent overweight. They turned out to be much of depression.

less anxious and, in the case of men, much less depressed than the rest of the population—that is, the whole sample of people in the survey.

Overeating to console The results pose a number of questions, some fundamental. For example, is it possible that the chemistry of obesity or overeating rules out anxiety and depression? It is a popular idea that overeating is, somehow, a form of consolation for insecurity. If it is, which people are prone to it? And is it the immediate overeating or long-term obesity that is the consolation? There are many more, that have not really been investigated. But other research confirms, in general, that obesity as such and periodic overeating are a protection against anxiety and depression.

## Tonight's TV Features

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Martin Landau and Barbara Baines in a new episode of the futuristic space series on Alpha base and the people running it.

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A new episode from the comedy series about 2 twin brothers one a policeman, the other an anarchist student and the comic situations they face.

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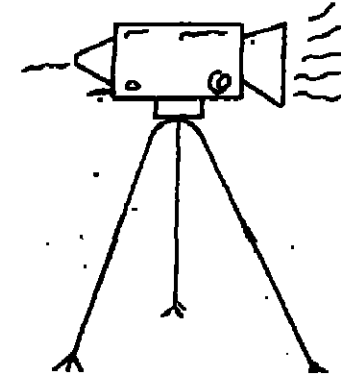
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- 14.10 Radio Magazine
- 14.30 Melody Time
- 15.00 Classical Music
- 15.30 Light Instrumentals
- 16.00 Old Favourites
- 16.30 Easy Listening
- 17.00 Studio one
- 18.00 News Summary
- 18.05 Listener's Choice
- 18.30 Industry and Technology
- 18.45 Music
- 19.00 News Bulletin
- 19.10 Songs
- 19.30 Sign off

### Exchange

- U.S. Dollar 330-332
- Sterling 672-678
- D. Mark 127.2-127.5
- Fr. Franc 73.7-74
- Swiss Franc 127.2-127.5
- Lebanese Pound 132.9-134.7
- Iraqi Dinar 905-910
- Syrian Pound 88.9-88.8
- Egyptian Pound 467-477
- Kuwaiti Dinar 1111.6-1120.2
- Libyan Dinar 785-700

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- Apples (Golden) 110-150
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- Apples (Double Red) 160-210

### Amman Airport

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- 6.50 Agaba
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  - Isha ... 6.25



## First session of SALT convenes in Geneva

GENEVA, Jan. 30, (R). — Bomber as a strategic weapon and how to take into account the U.S. air launched cruise missile. The United States and the Soviet Union Friday met for 65 minutes in their first plenary session of talks here this year on limiting strategic nuclear arms (SALT).

American delegation leader Alexis Johnson and three carloads of aides—diplomats, military experts and scientists—arrived at the Soviet Embassy at 11 a.m.

Mr Johnson had a 65-minute meeting with the chief Soviet negotiator Deputy Foreign Minister Valdimir Semyonov, at the U.S. Mission last Wednesday.

In an airport arrival statement earlier the same day, Mr Semyonov said "constructive results" had come from talks last week in Moscow between U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Soviet leaders.

The Soviet representative added that his delegation had been instructed "to continue a business-like discussion" for a second-stage SALT treaty.

## EEC commission backs Greek request for membership

BRUSSELS, Jan. 29, (AP). — The EEC Commission today said the European Economic Community should give a "clear" and positive reply to last June's Greek request for EEC membership, an official announcement said.

But the Commission expressed the view that "a certain period of time" should be allowed Greece before it assumed all the obligations of a full member, even taking into account the usual transitional arrangements for new members.

During this period, Greece should be able to continue to draw on EEC financial aid, the commission said.

It stressed that the agreement under which Greece became associated with the Common Market in 1962 set full membership as a long-term target, and emphasized that democratic rule has been restored in the country.

The Commission also took into account Greece's desire to make a contribution towards European integration, and said it would be in the interest of the European countries to help bolster democracy in Greece.

## Lebanon's leaders

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Lebanese who left the country because of the fighting returned.

Reliable sources said the numbers returning were higher than during previous lulls in the war.

But sources at Beirut airport said that Thursday there was still a net outflow of about 300 people — foreigners as well as Lebanese — in a total of around 2,000 arrivals and departures.

## Saudi minister

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tween the two which would foster their bilateral financial and economic relations.

He recalled that the Jordanian Finance Minister had recently visited Riyadh for economic and financial discussions with the Saudi authorities, and said that his own visit was complementary to the Riyadh talks.

Premier and Defence Minister Rifai Friday accompanied Sheikh Abalkheil on a visit to Army General Headquarters, where they conferred with the Commander-in-Chief, Lt. General Zeid Ibn Shaker who briefed them on the development of Jordanian's Armed Forces.

The Moscow talks were believed to have found a formula for the Backfire Bomber and virtual agreement on the cruise missile.

But Dr Kissinger said the Washington administration would take two or three weeks to reply to "significant new ideas on SALT put forward by Mr Brezhnev during the Moscow discussions."

## Bush to restore public confidence in CIA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (R). — Former U.S. envoy to Peking George Bush took over as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency today with a pledge to improve its tarnished image and restore public confidence in its ability to end abuses in covert operations.

President Ford, saying he would not permit the CIA to be destroyed by its enemies, emphasized his support of the intelligence community by attending Mr. Bush's swearing-in at the CIA secret headquarters in nearby Langley, Virginia.

Mr. Ford voiced his pleasure over the vote of the House of Representatives Thursday that barred the House Intelligence Committee from publishing a report of its investigation of the CIA until he had deleted secret material.

He attacked unidentified persons who leaked portions of the report to the press, declaring that the action had been irresponsible and undertaken by those who should know better.

The new Director, formerly Chairman of the Republican National Committee, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and head of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking declared: "The restoration of public confidence is essential."

He said one of his most important first tasks was to study past CIA practices to see if they had been necessary and compatible with the moral standards of Americans.

## New President appointed for the Soviet Republic of Georgia

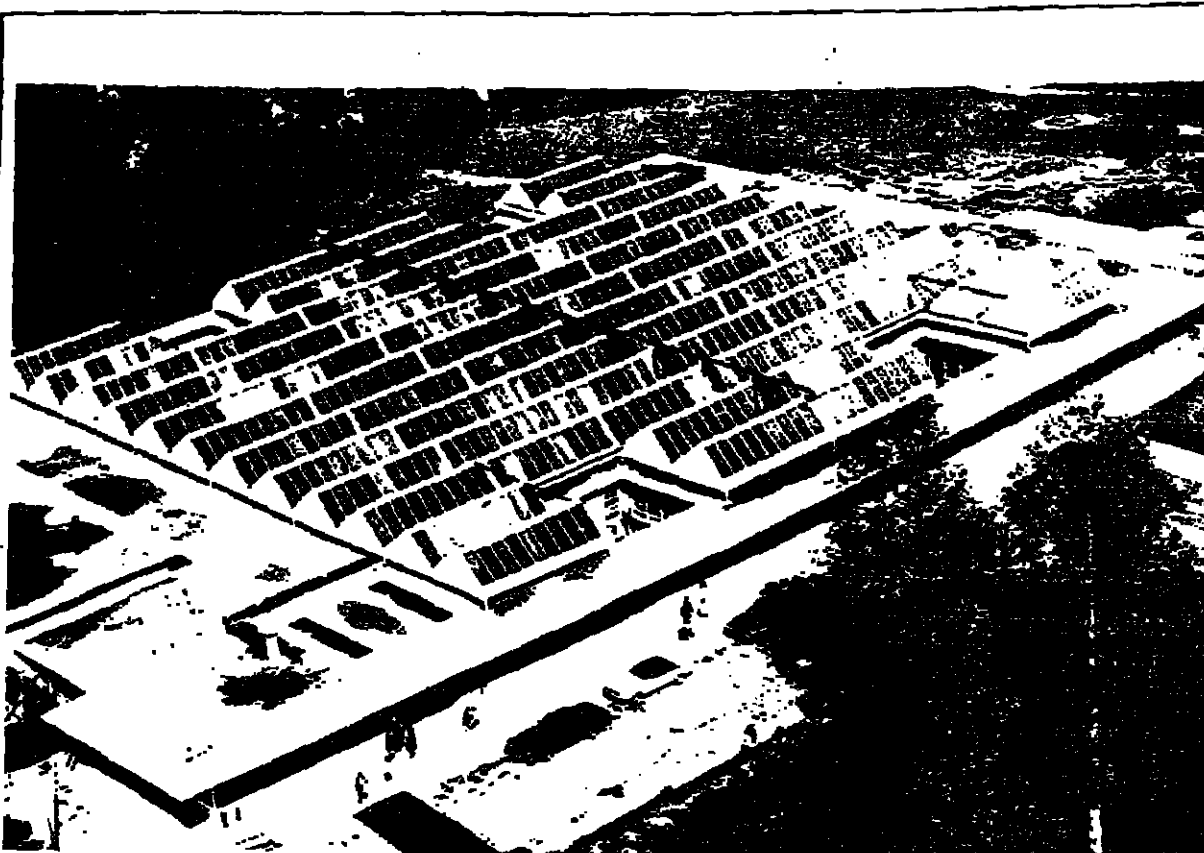
MOSCOW, Jan. 30, (R). — Pavel Gilashvili, a former communist party chief in Tbilisi, capital of Soviet Georgia, has been appointed the Republic's new president, according to a local newspaper reaching here today.

Mr Gilashvili, 57, replaces Mr Georgy Dzotsenidze, whose resignation was announced earlier this month. His appointment as Georgian president, reported by the newspaper Zarya Vostoka, make him officially a vice-president of the Soviet Union.

Mr Dzotsenidze, 65, a distinguished geologist, was officially stated to be stepping down in order to pursue scientific work.

But observers here linked his resignation with purges of Georgian officials that have continued since Georgian communist leader Vasily Mzhavandadze was dismissed for corruption in 1972.

The change of president came one month after the Caucasian Republic's Prime Minister, Mr Givi Djavakhishvili, 63, retired after 22 years in office.



**SOLAR SCHOOL.** — This elementary school in Atlanta, Georgia, is heated in winter and cooled in summer primarily by the rays of the sun. A field of 576 panels arrayed in 12 rows on the roof provides some 900 square meters of collection area. Below, Dr. John Teem (left) of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration explains to the school principal, Dr. Betty Clark, how the solar energy is converted in the panels to provide about 60 per cent of the power needed for heating and air conditioning the structure. At center is Albert Weinstein of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, responsible for the system.

## Heavy snow isolates villages in Soviet Georgia

MOSCOW, Jan. 30 (R). — A state of emergency was declared in several mountain areas of Soviet Georgia where heavy snowfalls have cut off villages and caused an undisclosed number of deaths, according to a local newspaper reaching here.

The newspaper Zarya Vostoka said a Georgian Government commission was set to supervise rescue operations and ensure that food and medical supplies reached isolated villages.

It said more than 4.5 metres (15 feet) of snow fell in late December and early January in the worst-hit areas near the Black Sea coast.

Helicopter and planes were being called in and mobile radio stations sent into the mountains to reestablish communication.



**HUMAN COMET.** — A Long Island, N.Y., fireman falls flaming for 70 feet during an apartment fire here. He is in poor condition at a local hospital.

## Egyptian, EEC wheat deal in question

BRUSSELS, Jan. 30, (R). — Common Market Officials said today a \$ 350 million food deal with Egypt is still on despite persistent reports that the Egyptians want to cancel it.

The officials said they were aware of the reports circulating over the past 24 hours that Egypt is hesitating about signing the contract as it now stands for the supply of one million tons of wheat, 75,000 tonnes of sugar and smaller quantities of beef, cheese and skimmed milk powder.

But the EEC Commission, which negotiated the deal, has not been informed by Egypt of any change of mind, officials said. No one in the Egyptian Embassy here was available for comment.

## Violence in northern Portugal casts doubts on political negotiations

LISBON, Jan. 30, (R). — Conservative Centre crats (C.D.S.) have already condemned the M.F. today in Portugal's northern region, where police say a campaign appears to be under way against leftists.

The reports came as the Armed Forces Movement (M.F.A.) and civilian political parties appeared to be progressing in their talks on how political power is to be shared in the future.

In the town of Santo Tirso, the home of a member of the procommunist Portuguese Democratic Movement (M.D.P.) was damaged by a bomb for the third time in two months.

In nearby Barcelos, paramilitary republican guards arrested a teenager and a 40-year-old man caught throwing a bomb at a factory.

A guard said they were investigating whether the two were linked with any of more than 50 bombings in the traditionally-conservative north.

In the northern town of Vilado Conba police blamed arsonists for a fire which destroyed a workers' cooperative.

The Centrist Popular Democrat Party (P.P.D.) meanwhile reported "very significant progress" in its talks yesterday with an M.F.A. delegation on a new constitutional pact.

Social Affairs Minister Rui Machete, one of the P.P.D. negotiating team, told reporters he expected agreement shortly. A leading armed forces officer reported earlier this week that talks with the socialist party were also at an advanced stage.

Since the negotiators are sworn to secrecy in the present round of contacts, which began last weekend, it was not known how any impending compromise was being reached. The P.P.D., socialists and 1968.

## Flu epidemic sweeps Japan

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